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Mark Asperilla, MD, Dynamic Community Leader in Florida, Is Unanimously Selected As One Of The 2008 Twenty Outstanding Filipinos Abroad (TOFA)

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 21 (PinoyGlobal) - Dr. Mark Asperilla of Port Charlotte, Florida, named by then Florida Governor Jeb Bush in March 21, 2005 a "Hurricane Hero," and a recipient of Florida's Points of Light Award, and a highly successful entrepreneur, is unanimously selected as one of the 2008 *Twenty Outstanding Filipinos Abroad (TOFA)* by the TOFA Panel Board of Judges headed by *Nonoy & Aida Mendoza* of the *FILIPINO IMAGE MAGAZINE* and the *PINOY GLOBAL ONLINE NEWS*, and the *ROXANNE ANDREA MENDOZA (RAM) MEMORIAL FOUNDATION*.

The TOFA project was initiated in 1990 and have been commended by the governments of the United States, Canada and the Philippines. The bio-data and photograph of the 300 Past TOFA Awardees are found in the *PINOY GLOBAL ONLINE NEWS* : WWW.FILAMIMAGE.COM, a 24/7 global web site.

The CRITERIA, HISTORY and other TOFA informations are found in the popular website. A complete copy issue of *FILIPINO IMAGE Magazine's 2007 Souvenir Journal*, detailing 116 pages of bio-data of the 2007 TOFA awardees and photographs; VIP Special Messages and including all the Congratulatory Messages and ADs, in full color, are in the website and free for all to read globally. An unprecedented feat in Filipino journalism.

The 3-day 14th annual event starts on Thursday, Sept. 11, 2008 with an informal get-together for the 2008 awardees and their special guests. Followed by on Friday, Sept. 12 with a sight-seeing tours and photo opps around the Nations' Capital and the VIP Dim Sum Luncheon. At night is "barong Tagalog" dinner reception at the JW Marriott Hotel. The following day Saturday, Sept. 13, 2008, is a formal gala Banquet and Ball Award Ceremony. After the gala is the traditional Filipino breakfast which will capped the whirlwind social functions. All 2008 TOFA Awardees are special guests of the event. Guests wishing to attend all functions are asked to donate entrance fee to any of the activities. Net proceeds to all the TOFA functions are donated to charitable Filipino organizations.

Dr. Mark Asperilla was born in Manila. He is currently an infectious disease specialist practicing in Southwest Florida's Charlotte County since 1989. For his efforts to combat bioterrorism, President George W. Bush personally met and honored Dr. Asperilla for outstanding community service in establishing a local biowarfare response team. A medical graduate from the University of Santo Thomas, he came to the United States in the 1970s for further medical education. His complete bio-data is in the web site.

Other 2008 TOFA Awardees will be announced as their bio-data and photos are completed.

The 2007 TOFA awardees were former Philippine



DR. MARK ASPERILLA
Port Charlotte, Florida
"Citizen of the World"

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